IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA ROANOKE DIVISION

VIRGIL EDWIN WATSON III,)	
	Petitioner,)	
)	CASE No. 7:13-CV-00515
v.)	
)	<u>ORDER</u>
THOMAS REDMAN,)	
	Respondent.)	

For the reasons stated in the accompanying memorandum opinion, it is hereby

ORDERED that respondent's motion to dismiss (docket no. 5) is GRANTED; the above referenced 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition is DISMISSED; and this action is STRICKEN from the court's active docket.

Furthermore, finding that Watson has failed to make a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right as required by 28 U.S.C. §2253(c)(1), a certificate of appealability is **DENIED**.

The clerk is directed to send copies of this order and the accompanying memorandum opinion to the petitioner and to all counsel of record.

It is so **ORDERED**.

Entered this 13th day of August, 2014.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE